

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Hongkong, November 22, 1880.

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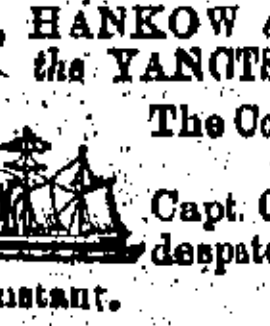
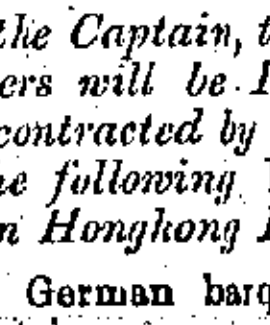
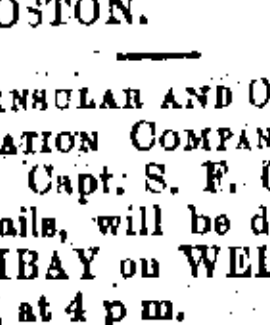
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, December 14, 1880.

by BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents.
21 Hongkong, December 17, 1880.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be post-
ed on-board the packet with a
Fee of 10 cents until time
of departure.

he Judges have been threatened with murder if they convict the Land leaguers.

first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement and the remainder with hard labour.



YOKOHAMA.
(Japan Gazette.)
We learn that the funeral of the late Mr. Sameshima, envoy-extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Japan to France.

being specially represented, as was also Monsieur Gambetta. All the members of the *Corps Diplomatique* attended; and all sections of French society were represented, a tribute of respect to the deceased minister personally and to the nation he

settlement for some time past, is to be removed from its present abode in the British consular prison compound to San

To dwellers in this land it is interesting to learn that the plant known as the Kempoer, much in Japan at the end of the seventeenth century, is still in good condition, and may be seen at the new Natural History Department of the British Museum at South Kensington. Many of the plants there seen for the first time in Europe, and Asia, and America, such as *Seigella* and *retinospora*, are now familiar plants in English gardens and plant houses. Many of Kempoer's plants were figured and described in his *Amesitates* published in 1712, and others in *Amesitates Banki's* *Icones Selectae Plantarum* published in 1713. The *Amesitates* of *Banki* was published in English as *Artus Banki's*, published in 1713.

We learn that the fine British barque *Madame Demogri* was sold to-day by Messrs. Wallich-Hall & Co. for the sum of \$14,000. A Japanese merchant is said to be the purchaser. The *Madame Demogri* was built in Japan, and has now sailed on these waters; and her reputation sailing was for established by a passage of 25 days from Shanghai to San Francisco.

The buyer has made a cheap bargain.

The *Hochi Shinbun* states that the government take a very warm interest in introducing the plant known as the Kempoer, and as many of the Dajin and Sango are in favour of it, the matter is under consideration. We can only further this

trade" is a prosperous undertaking that people will speedily engage in it; and, as the latter, apparently, has no motive, as the former, in carrying out its motion, it follows that, as a matter of business, it is not acceptable. If the government subsidizes certain companies or undertakings to engage in direct shipments, the result will be that the foreign people charged with the duty of carrying out the will find competitors against whom it will be impossible to make head way; persons whose losses really, that is eventually, fall upon the state and must be borne in great part, if not wholly, by the very people whose legislation they are charged with carrying out. This is a view of the question the various states have been discussing, which may not have occurred to those who have been about to discuss it. There is, no doubt, an impression that the government, instructed by a number of interested and incompetent advisers, are better advised to subsidize the export of the goods whose produce is taken from them for speculative purposes. With all respect for those ministers who hold this view, I venture to point out that history affords an example of a prosperous commerce that

THERE is in the Royal Library, Stockholm, an immense manuscript, which, when opened, covers about a square yard of surface, and is made up of the men to lift it consists of 309 leaves of thick parchment, probably of ass's skin, and contains the Greek Testament, the Antiquities and Jewish War of Josephus, the Origines of Isidore, a medical work of Joannichius Johannes Alexandrinus, the New Testament, and the lives of the twelve apostles, and a miscellaneous mass of other stuff, all written in a cursive hand. It belonged to some small Benedictine monastery at Podlazio, in Bohemia, and tradition asserts that it was written in one night—with the Devil's help, by an imprisoned monk. The date of its transcription may be ascribed to the period between the thirteenth and the fifteenth century; it was taken to Prague, whence it was carried off by the Swedes in the last year of the thirty year war (1648). Since then it has been in

Quotations.	
Hongkong, December 18.	
OPIMUM.	
—New Patna, cash...	635
—Old " " cash...	—
—New Benares, cash...	637½
—Old " " cash...	626½
—New Malwa, credit, 710	
—Allowance, 750	
—Old Malwa, credit, 730	
—Allowance, Teela ... nominal	
Exchange.	
Bank, Wire,	3/8½
— " Demand,	3/8
— " 30 days' sight,	3/8½
— " 4 months' sight,	3/8½
Credit,	3/8
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	8/9½
India, Wire,	23½
— " Demand,	23½
Shanghai, Demand,	23½
— " 80 days' sight,	73½
Gold Leaf, 99½ fine	27.55
Sovereigns,	5.30 and
Shares.	
Hongkong Bank, 7½ prem.	

China Traders Ins. Co.,	\$1,490 per share
North China Ins. Co.,	£1,120 per share
Tungtats Ins. Assoc.,	£1,700 per share
Chinese Ins. Co.,	\$500 per share
H. K. Fire Ins. Co.,	\$300 per share
China Fire Ins. Co.,	\$265 per share
H. K. & W. Dock, 12 1/2 % prem, sales.	
Ossephen Ltd. Dock, par, nominal.	
H. K. & S. S. Boat Co.,	\$25 prem.
China S. S. Co.,	\$200 per share
China Coast S. S. Co.,	£124 p. share
Hongkong S. S. Co.,	\$60 per share
Hongkong Hotel Co.,	\$75 per share
China Sugar Ref. Co.,	\$182 per share.
Do. Debentures, 3 p.c. prem.	
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal.	
Do. 1877, do.	
Temperature.	
(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)	
HONGKONG, December 17.	
BAROMETER 9 A.M.	80.240
Do. 1 P.M.	80.190
Do. 4 P.M.	80.180
Do. 7 P.M.	80.170
Thermometer 9 A.M.	63
Do. 1 P.M.	64
Do. 4 P.M.	64
Do. 7 P.M.	64

Do.	Do.	1 P.M.	62
Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	—
Do.	Maximum	...	64
Do.	Minimum over night		61

